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## THE HEDGEHOG



**COLD  
HARD  
CLASH**



Peppers-Armash  
SOUSEN



WELCOME TO THE PLANET *MOBIUS*--A WORLD *UNIQUE* AND *BEYOND* WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*! WHERE *SONIC* AND THE HEROIC *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* WORK TO *SAVE THE WORLD* FROM THE *FORCES OF EVIL*!

# Family MATTERS

Part One

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS,  
CASTLE ACORN.



...AND WE'VE SEEN ROTOR'S PEOPLE BEING USED AS LABORERS AND SECURITY...

...FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOMETHING. IT LOOKS LIKE A RE-FUELING STATION, BUT IT'S WAY TOO BIG.

ANYWAY, WE COULD REALLY USE A HAND IF YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE YOU CAN SPARE.

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**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
*Hero of Mobius*

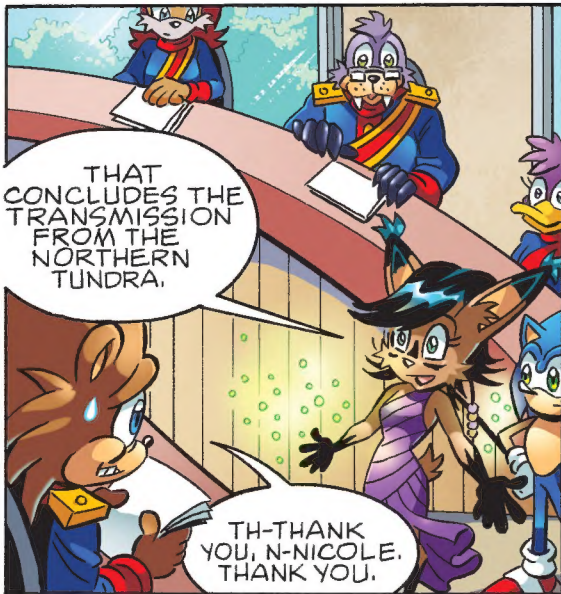
**SILVER THE HEDGEHOG**  
*Time Traveler*

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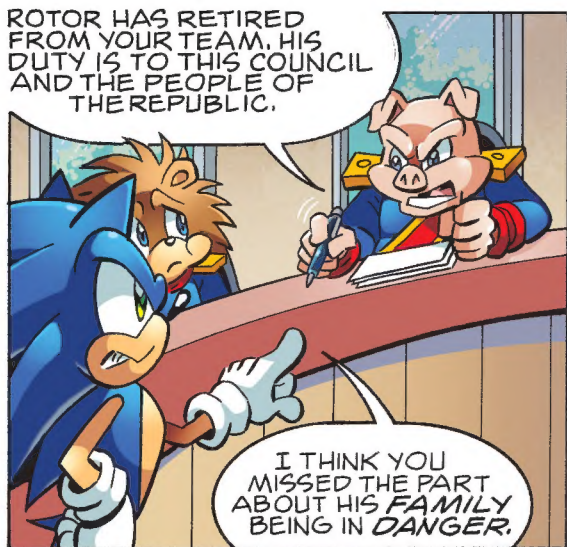
**ROTOR WALRUS**  
*Retired Freedom Fighter*

**NICOLE**  
*Artificial Intelligence*











"WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?"

LATER--THE NORTHERN TUNDRA.



YO, GUNTIVER! SORRY TO TAKE SO LONG.

HA! WE ONLY SENT WORD THE OTHER DAY!



**SHLLOOOOOP!**

YEAH, I HAD SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF DOWN SOUTH.\* WHERE'S THE REST OF YOUR TEAM?

DOWN BELOW, C'MON, I'M SURE YOU'RE FREEZING.

DUDE, WITH THE POWER RINGS I WAS CARRYING, THE COLD COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH ME.



\*SEE THE LAST TWO ISSUES!




HAHA! I MISSED YOUR SPIRIT, MAN.





THERE THEY ARE!  
THE ARCTIC  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS!  
IT'S BEEN  
FOREVER!




OH!! THE  
LAST TIME WE EVER  
HAD ZE MISSION  
TOGETHER, IT WAS  
WHEN DR. ROBOTNIK  
USED HIS WEATHER-  
CONTROLLING DEVICE.\*



I THOUGHT  
I HEARD SOMETHING  
ABOUT YOU GUYS  
BREAKING UP OR  
SOMETHING?



WE WERE  
ORIGINALLY JUST AN  
ACTIVIST GROUP WE  
WEREN'T OFFICIALLY  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS WHEN  
WE FIRST MET.



SOME OF  
US WANTED  
TO BE MORE  
PROACTIVE.



GAK! HEY,  
SEALIA, YEAH,  
SEEMS LIKE A  
LIFETIME AGO.

\*SEE THE CLASSIC TALE IN  
SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 7!

ER... ANY-  
WAY...

...AS THE  
EGGMAN  
EMPIRE  
STARTED  
TIGHTENING  
ITS GRIP UP  
HERE, WE ALL  
AGREED TO  
COME  
BACK...

...AND FIGHT  
FOR THE  
NORTHERN  
TUNDRA.

TOGETHER!





COOL, SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO GO OVER THAT.

START US OFF, ERMA.

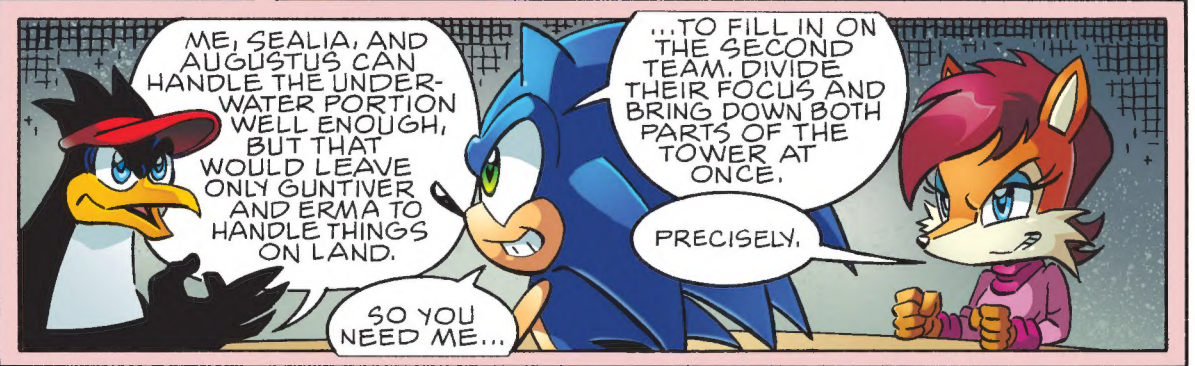


THANKS TO FLIP AND SEALIA'S RECONNAISSANCE, WE KNOW THEIR BASE RUNS BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW THE ICE.

THE LEGIONNAIRES RUN THE LOWER PORTION OF THE BASE WHILE...

...THEIR WALRUS SLAVES RUN THE UPPER HALF.

BETWEEN THE LEGION'S OWN CYBERNETICALLY-BOOSTED SONAR AND THE PSIONIC EMITTER IN THE TOP OF THE TOWER, THE HERD HAS NO WAY TO RESIST THE MIND-CONTROL SIGNALS.



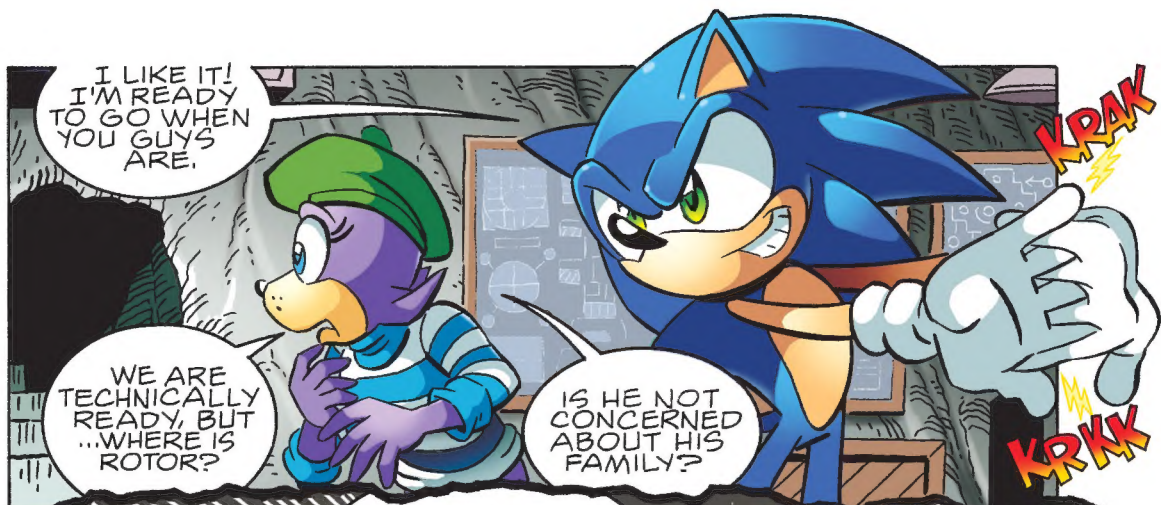
ME, SEALIA, AND AUGUSTUS CAN HANDLE THE UNDER-WATER PORTION WELL ENOUGH, BUT THAT WOULD LEAVE ONLY GUNTIVER AND ERMA TO HANDLE THINGS ON LAND.

...TO FILL IN ON THE SECOND TEAM, DIVIDE THEIR FOCUS AND BRING DOWN BOTH PARTS OF THE TOWER AT ONCE.

PRECISELY.

SO YOU NEED ME...





I LIKE IT!  
I'M READY  
TO GO WHEN  
YOU GUYS  
ARE.

WE ARE  
TECHNICALLY  
READY, BUT  
...WHERE IS  
ROTOR?

IS HE NOT  
CONCERNED  
ABOUT HIS  
FAMILY?



YEAH, ABOUT  
THAT...SEE, ROTOR  
GOT HURT REALLY  
BAD DURING A RAID  
ON FREEDOM HQ.\*

**\*YOU DIDN'T MISS  
StH # 175, DID YOU?!**



IT REALLY DID A  
NUMBER ON HIS  
BACK. HE'S ABLE TO  
GET AROUND ON  
HIS OWN NOW,  
BUT WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
ADVENTURING...

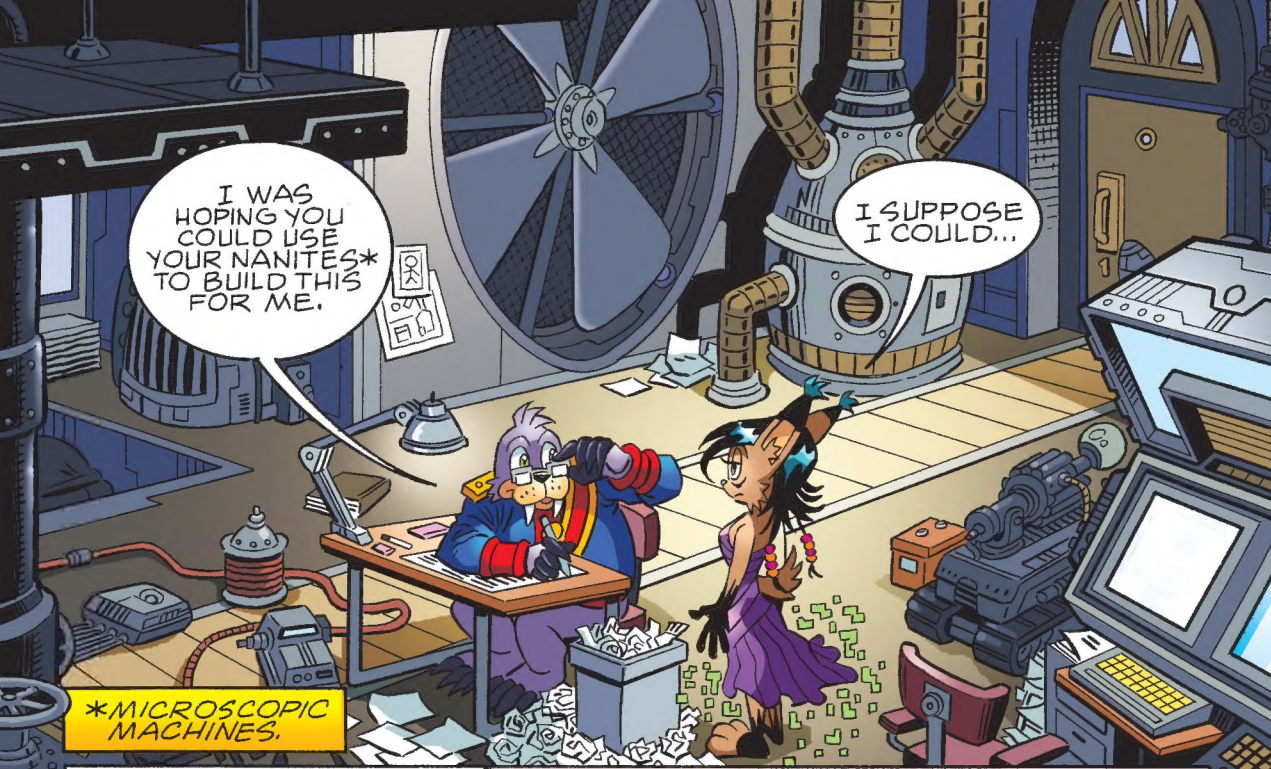


"...HE'S HAD  
TO CALL IT  
QUITS."

YOU  
WANTED TO  
SEE  
ME?

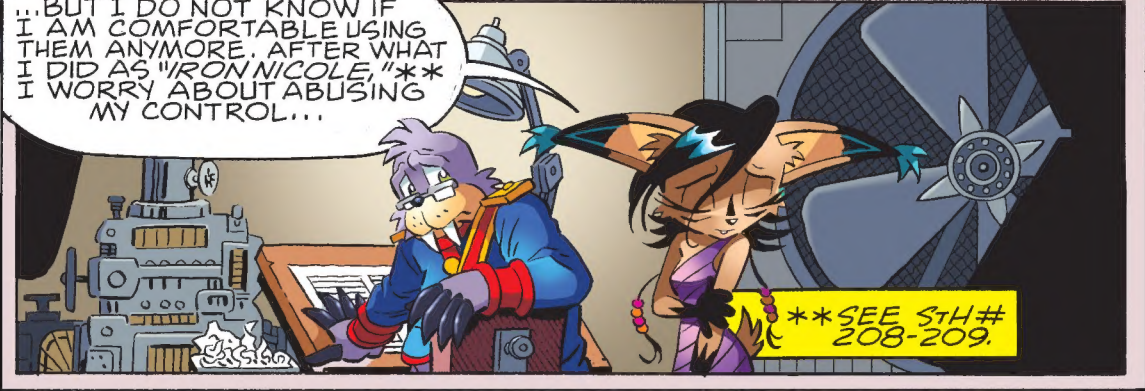
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DID...





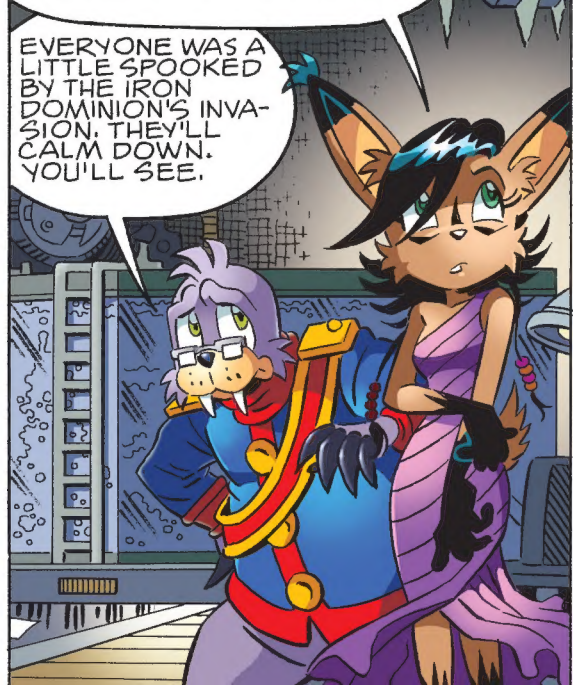
\*MICROSCOPIC MACHINES.

... BUT I DO NOT KNOW IF I AM COMFORTABLE USING THEM ANYMORE. AFTER WHAT I DID AS "IRON NICOLE,"\*\* I WORRY ABOUT ABUSING MY CONTROL...



\*\*SEE STH# 208-209.

AND I WORRY THAT THERE ARE MANY HERE WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY. OR WORSE.



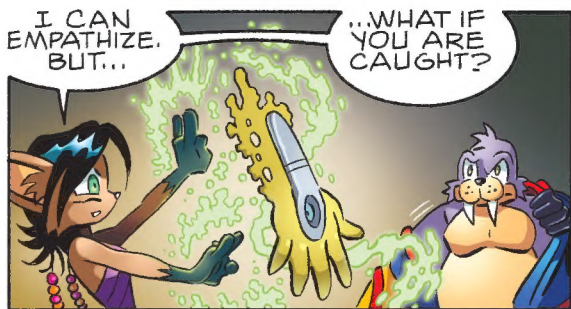
EVERYONE WAS A LITTLE SPOOKED BY THE IRON DOMINION'S INVASION. THEY'LL CALM DOWN. YOU'LL SEE.

BESIDES, NOBODY IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS, ANYWAY.



VERY WELL. IT WILL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.









...YOU DID PERFECTLY, THANK YOU.

MY PLEASURE.



GOOD LUCK OUT THERE.

THANKS, BUT...

...IT'LL BE THE DARK EGG LEGION THAT NEEDS THE HELP NOW.



WOO-HOO!



"THIS IS JUST LIKE  
THE OLD DAYS,

"BACK WHEN  
I MADE THE  
MOST INCRED-  
IBLE WEAPONS.  
I HAD STUFF  
THAT COULD  
PUNCH HOLES  
THROUGH  
ZONES."

BUT THERE WAS  
THAT TIME SONIC  
HAD BEEN FLUNG  
OUT INTO SPACE...  
\* I TRIED TO FILL THE  
VOID HE LEFT WITH  
EVEN BIGGER,  
BADDER WEAPONS...

"I WENT OVERBOARD,  
I TOOK OUT PLENTY OF BAD-  
NIKS, BUT I ALMOST TOOK OUT  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS AS WELL.  
I HAD GONE TOO FAR.

\*BACK IN STH  
# 126-129.

"I VOWED  
TO NEVER  
BUILD ANOTHER  
WEAPON AGAIN, I  
STUCK TO THAT OATH  
PRETTY HARD...  
MAYBE A LITTLE TOO  
HARD, I'M SURE I  
MADE A HYPOCRITE  
OUT OF MYSELF MORE  
THAN ONCE."



"LIKE WHEN WE WERE COM-  
MISSIONED TO BUILD THE  
METAL SONIC TROOPERS.\*

"ALTHOUGH I HAD  
SIR CHARLES  
SUPERVISING ME..."

\*AS REVEALED IN SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG #158-159!

WHAT I TOLD  
SONIC AND THE  
COUNCIL WAS  
RIGHT. I DO HAVE  
CERTAIN RESPON-  
SIBILITIES TO THE  
PEOPLE.

AFTER THIS  
ADVENTURE--  
ONCE MY  
FAMILY IS SAFE  
ONCE AND FOR  
ALL--I'LL  
REALLY  
RETIRE.

BUT  
NOT  
YET!

**WASH**



MEAN-WHILE...

WE'RE ALMOST TO THE BASE, PEOPLE, GET READY.

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH, DO OR DIE. MAYBE THE HERD WILL STAY RESCUED THIS TIME.

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I FEEL BAD FOR THEIR SITUATION, BUT WHY IS EGG-MAN ALWAYS AFTER THEM?

MAYBE BECAUSE THEY'RE THE MOST PROMINENT SPECIES IN THE NORTHERN TUNDRA? MAYBE BECAUSE THE CITY OF ICEBOROUGH IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SETTLEMENT IN THE ENTIRE POLAR CAP? TAKE YOUR PICK.

...REALLY?

SO... "ICEBOROUGH," EH? NOT "ICE-BURG?" AH? GET IT? "ICEBERG?"

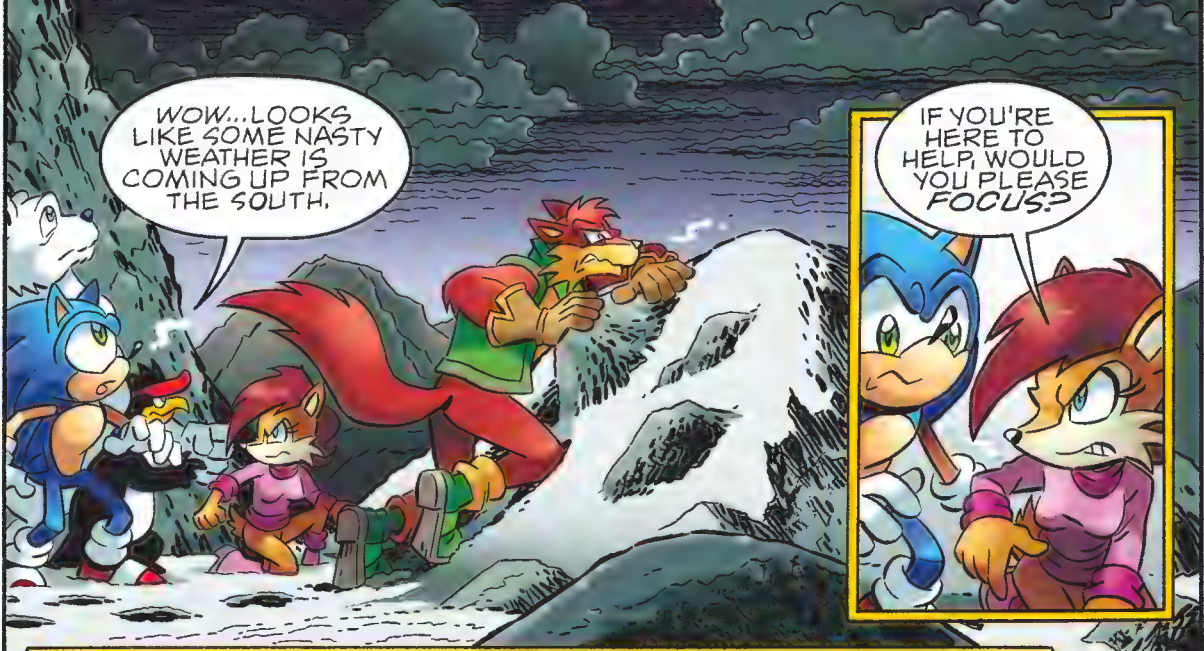
THIS IS THE NORTHERN TUNDRA, DUDE. THAT JOKE'S OLDER THAN THE PERMAFROST.

HA HA! THAT'S COLD, MAN, COLD!

EVERYBODY DOWN! WE'RE HERE!



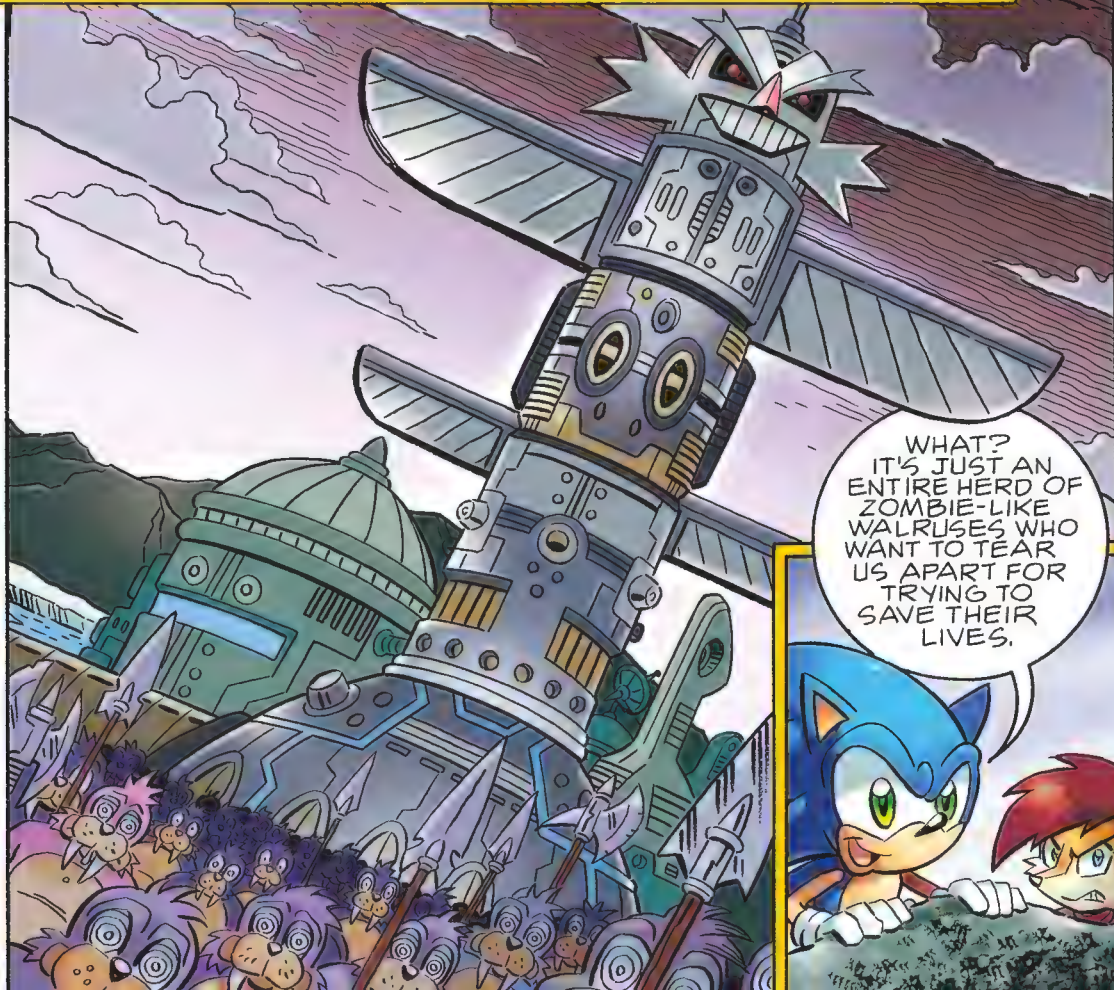




WOW...LOOKS LIKE SOME NASTY WEATHER IS COMING UP FROM THE SOUTH.



IF YOU'RE HERE TO HELP, WOULD YOU PLEASE FOCUS?

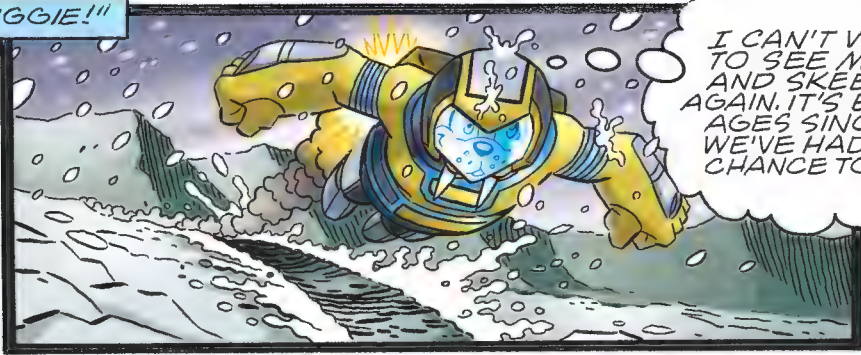


WHAT? IT'S JUST AN ENTIRE HERD OF ZOMBIE-LIKE WALRUSES WHO WANT TO TEAR US APART FOR TRYING TO SAVE THEIR LIVES.



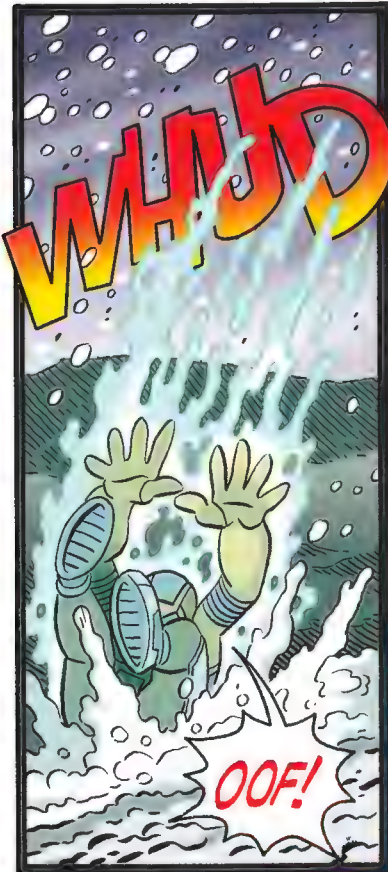


"NO BIGGIE!"

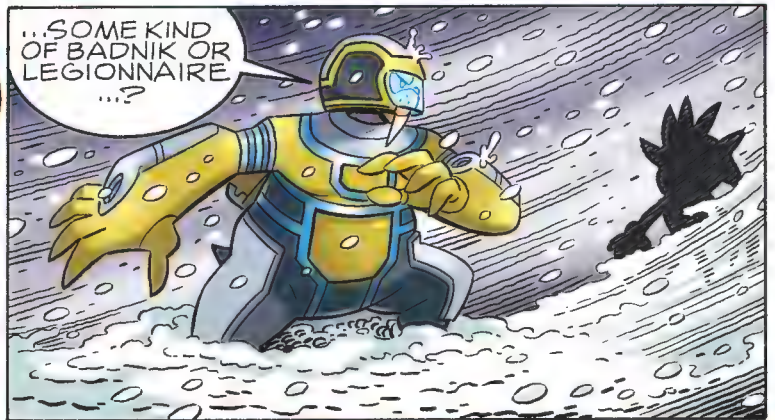


I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MOM AND SKEETER AGAIN. IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO--

--TALK?!



OOF!

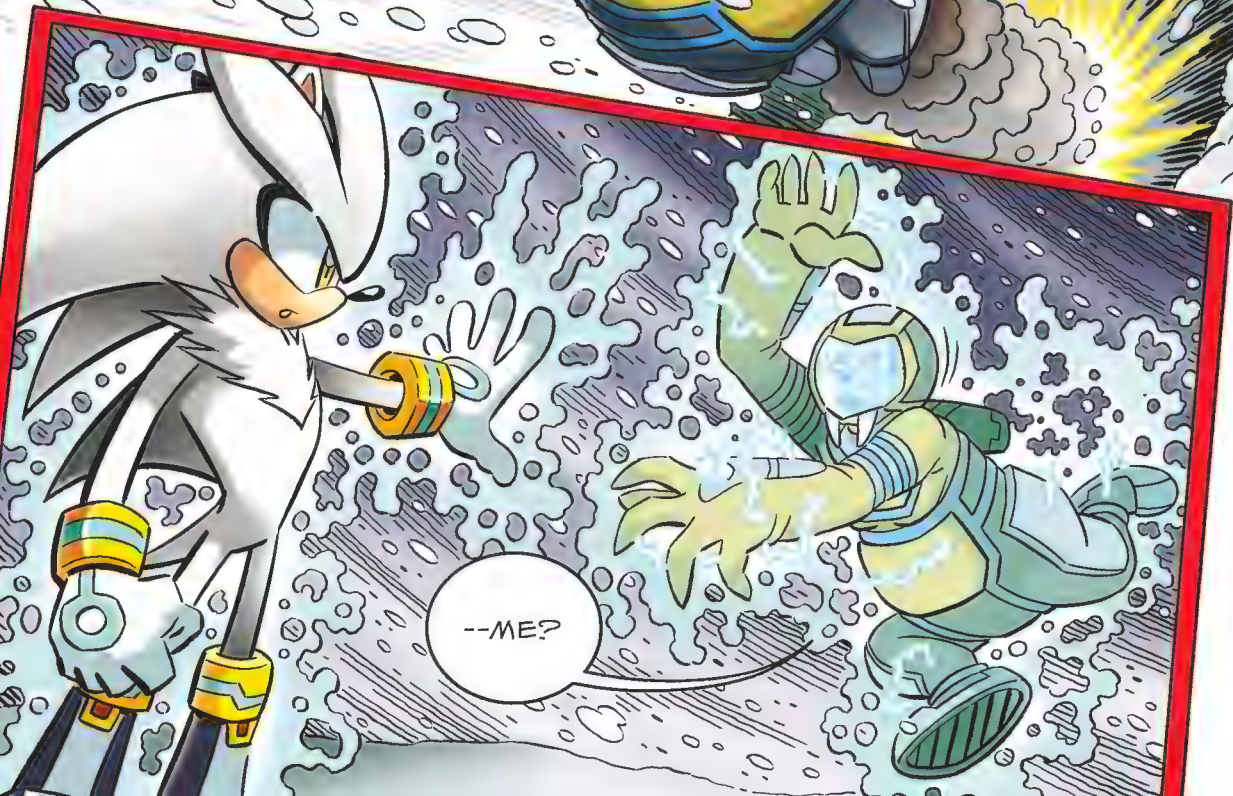
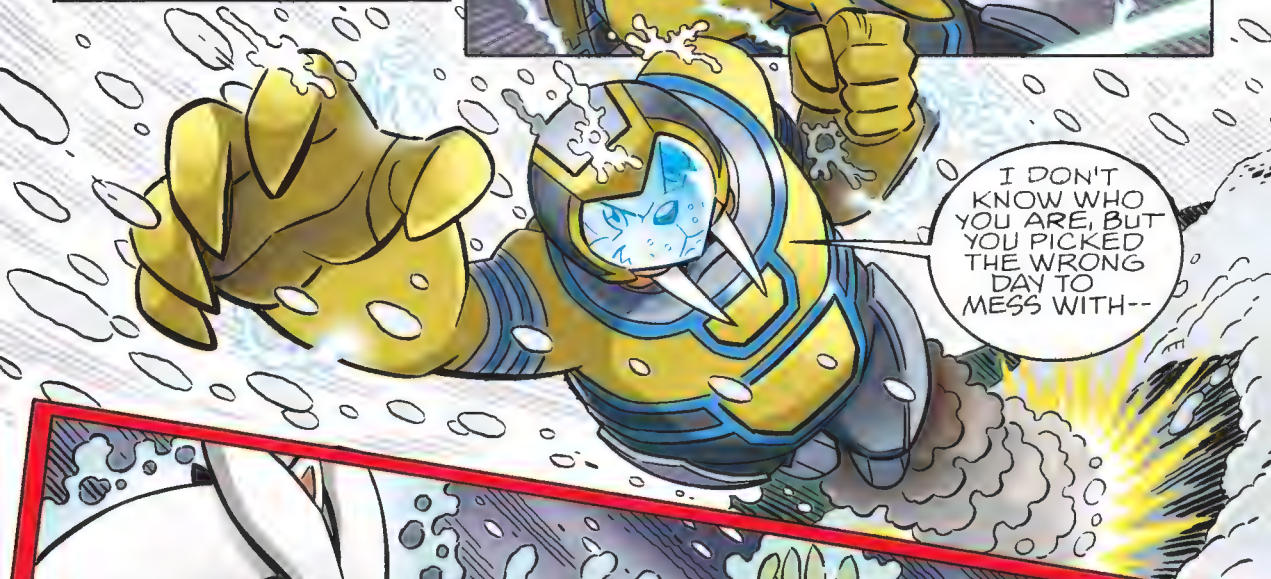
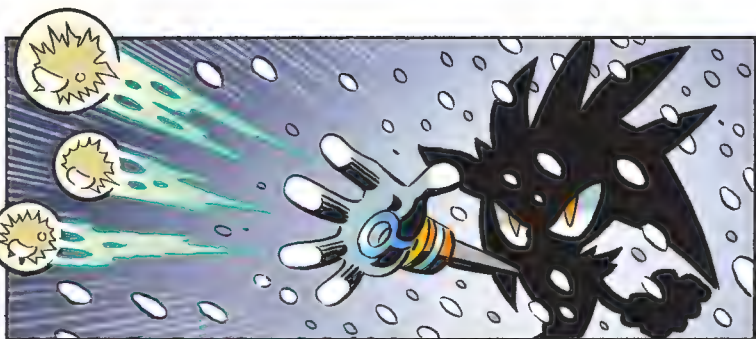
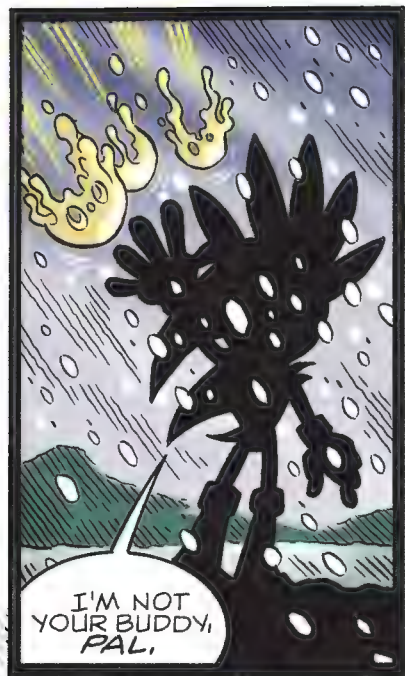


.. SOME KIND OF BADNIK OR LEGIONNAIRE ...?

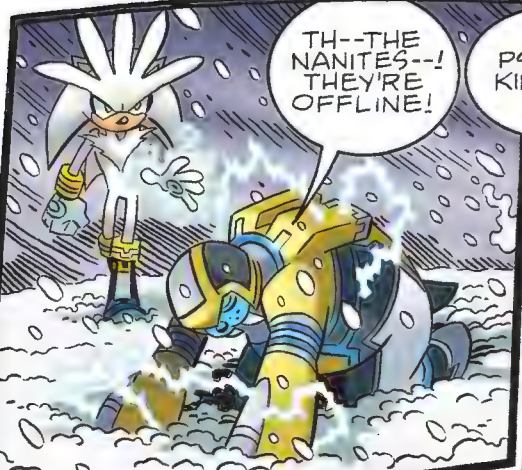
CONSIDER THIS YOUR WARNING SHOT, BUDDY!












TH--THE  
NANITES--!  
THEY'RE  
OFFLINE!

MY  
PSYCHO-  
KINESIS...


...COMPLETELY  
DOMINATES  
MACHINERY.

GAH!



YOU DON'T KNOW  
ME, BUT I KNOW YOU --  
AND I KNOW THAT  
YOU'RE NOT THE REAL  
**BOOMER  
WALRUS!**

"BOOMER"...?



I KNOW  
WHO YOU ARE--  
**TRAITOR TO  
THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS!**

**CAN SONIC AND THE ARCTIC  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS SAVE  
ROTOR'S HERD IN TIME?  
'CAN ROTOR SAVE HIMSELF?  
'IS SILVER MAKING A HUGE  
MISTAKE?  
ALL THE ACTION AND ANSWERS  
NEXT TIME!**



# FUTURE TENSE

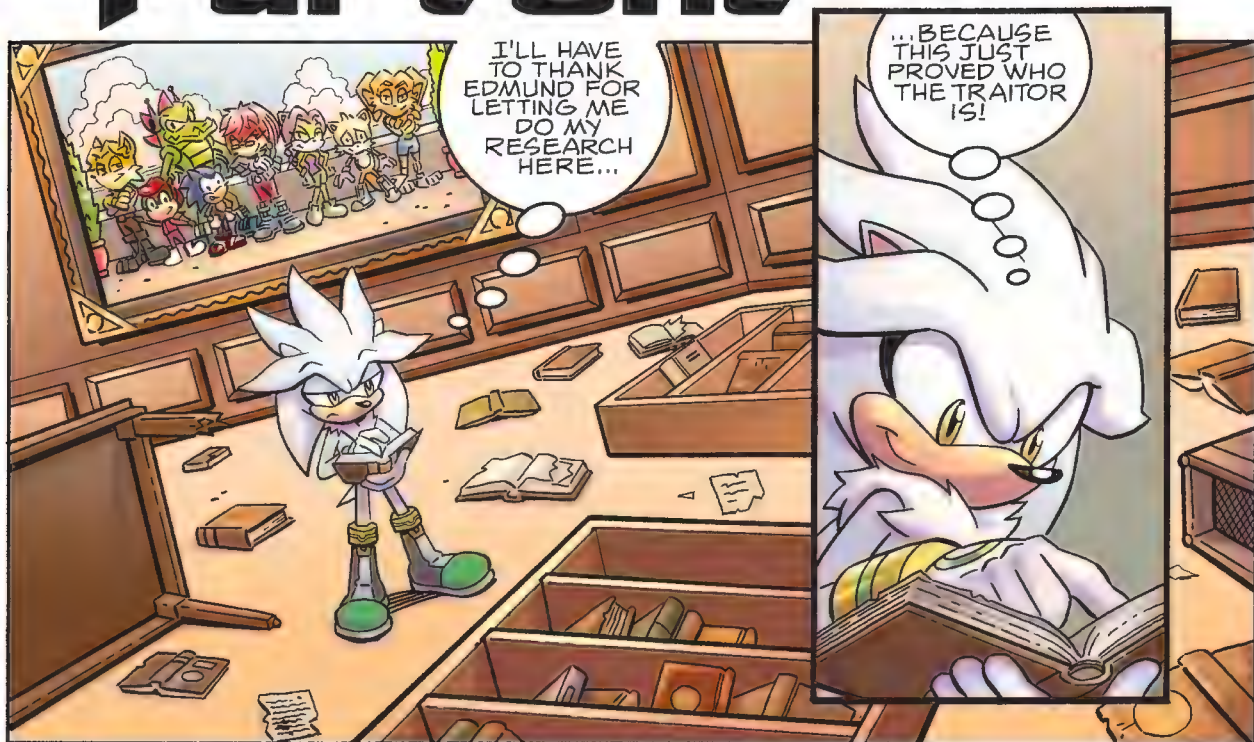
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200 YEARS  
FROM NOW...

ONYX ISLAND...

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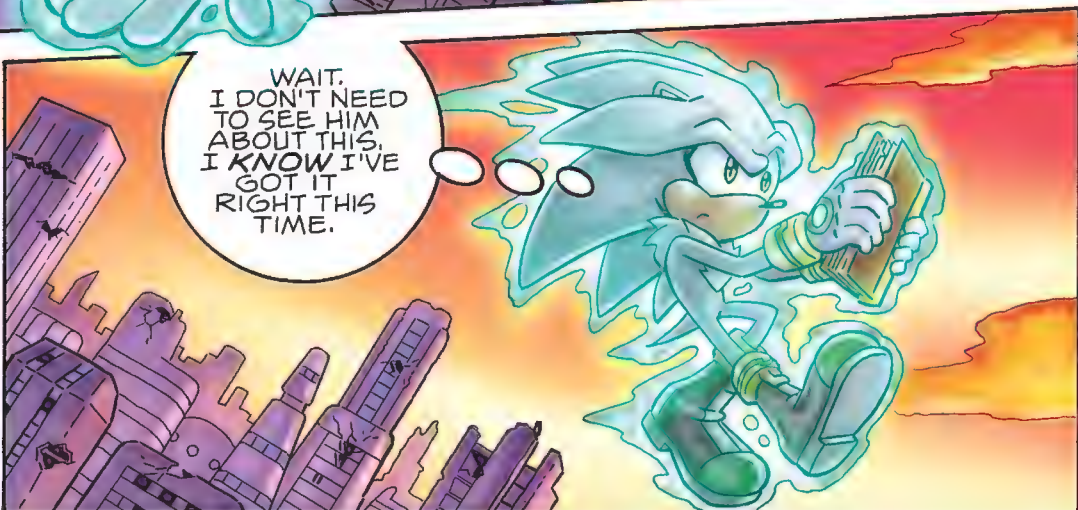
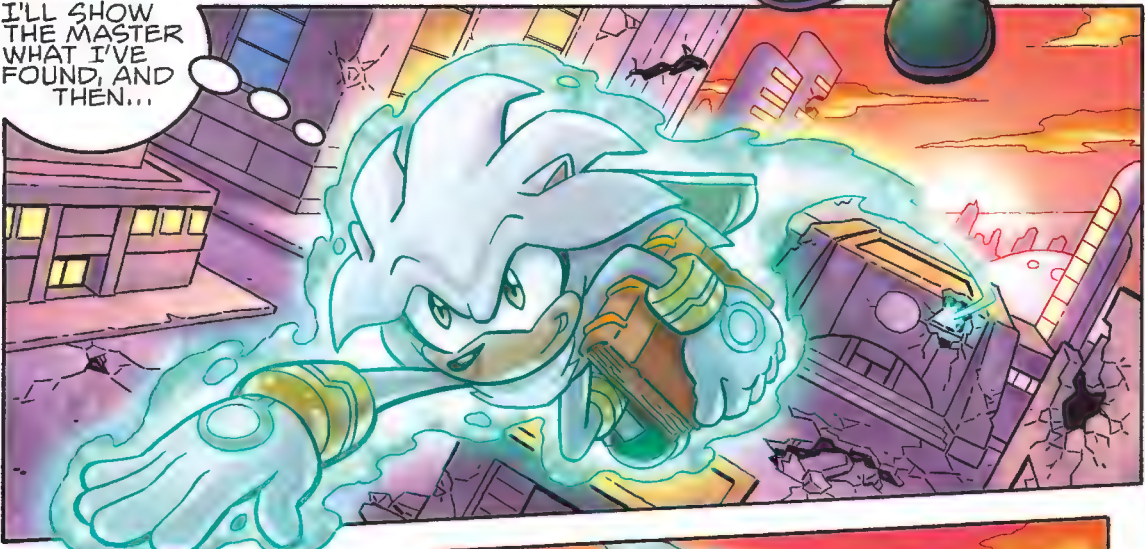


IT SAYS HERE  
THAT THE FIRST  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
WERE SONIC, SALLY,  
ANTOINE, AND  
BOOMER.

WHOEVER  
THIS "ROTOR"  
GUY IS, HE  
MUST HAVE TAKEN  
BOOMER'S PLACE  
AND SOMEHOW  
GONE UN-  
DETECTED.

I'LL SHOW  
THE MASTER  
WHAT I'VE  
FOUND, AND  
THEN...

WAIT,  
I DON'T NEED  
TO SEE HIM  
ABOUT THIS,  
I KNOW I'VE  
GOT IT  
RIGHT THIS  
TIME.





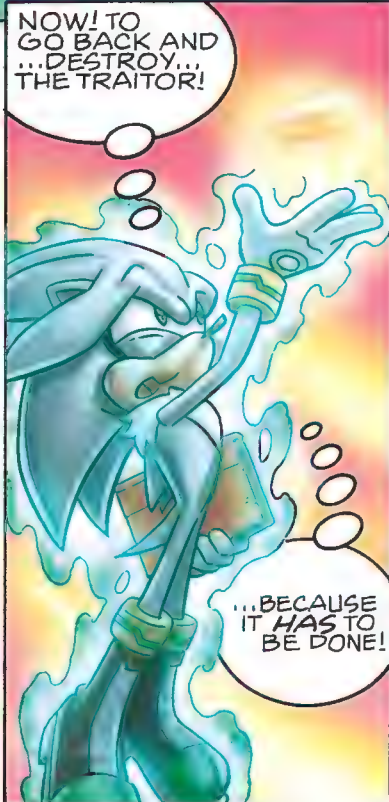


I'LL HANDLE THIS ALL BY MYSELF.



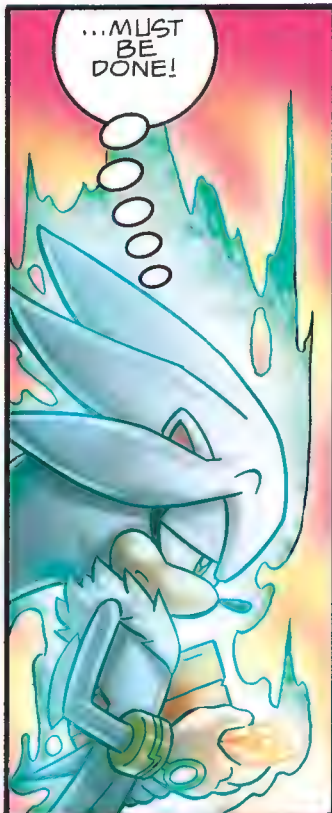
"AND NO SUPER WARP RING THIS TIME. I'M CONFIDENT IN USING THE POWER OF THE TIME STONES NOW."

**FWOMP**

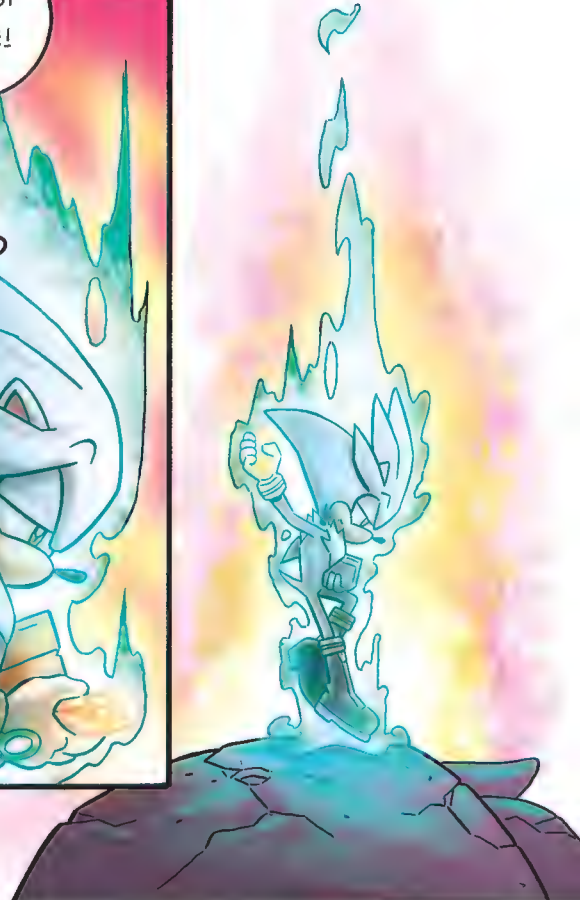


NOW! TO GO BACK AND ...DESTROY... THE TRAITOR!

...BECAUSE IT *HAS* TO BE DONE!



...MUST BE DONE!

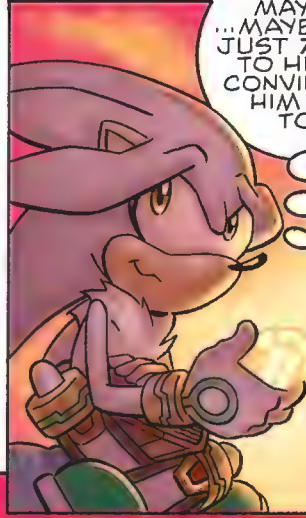




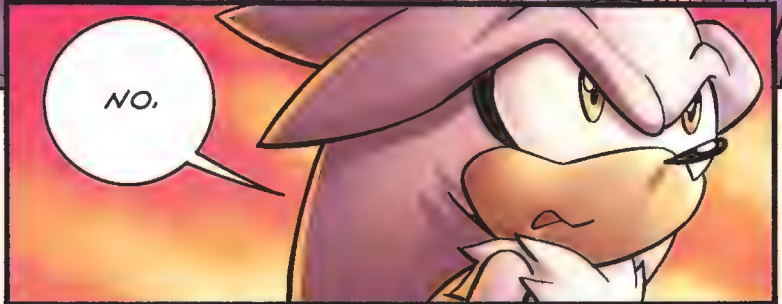
ARGH,  
CAN I REALLY  
GO THAT FAR?  
CAN I REALLY  
JUST **DESTROY**  
SOMEONE FOR  
A CRIME  
THEY HAVEN'T  
COMMITTED  
YET?



MAYBE  
...MAYBE I'LL  
JUST **TALK**  
TO HIM...  
CONVINCE  
HIM NOT  
TO...



NO.



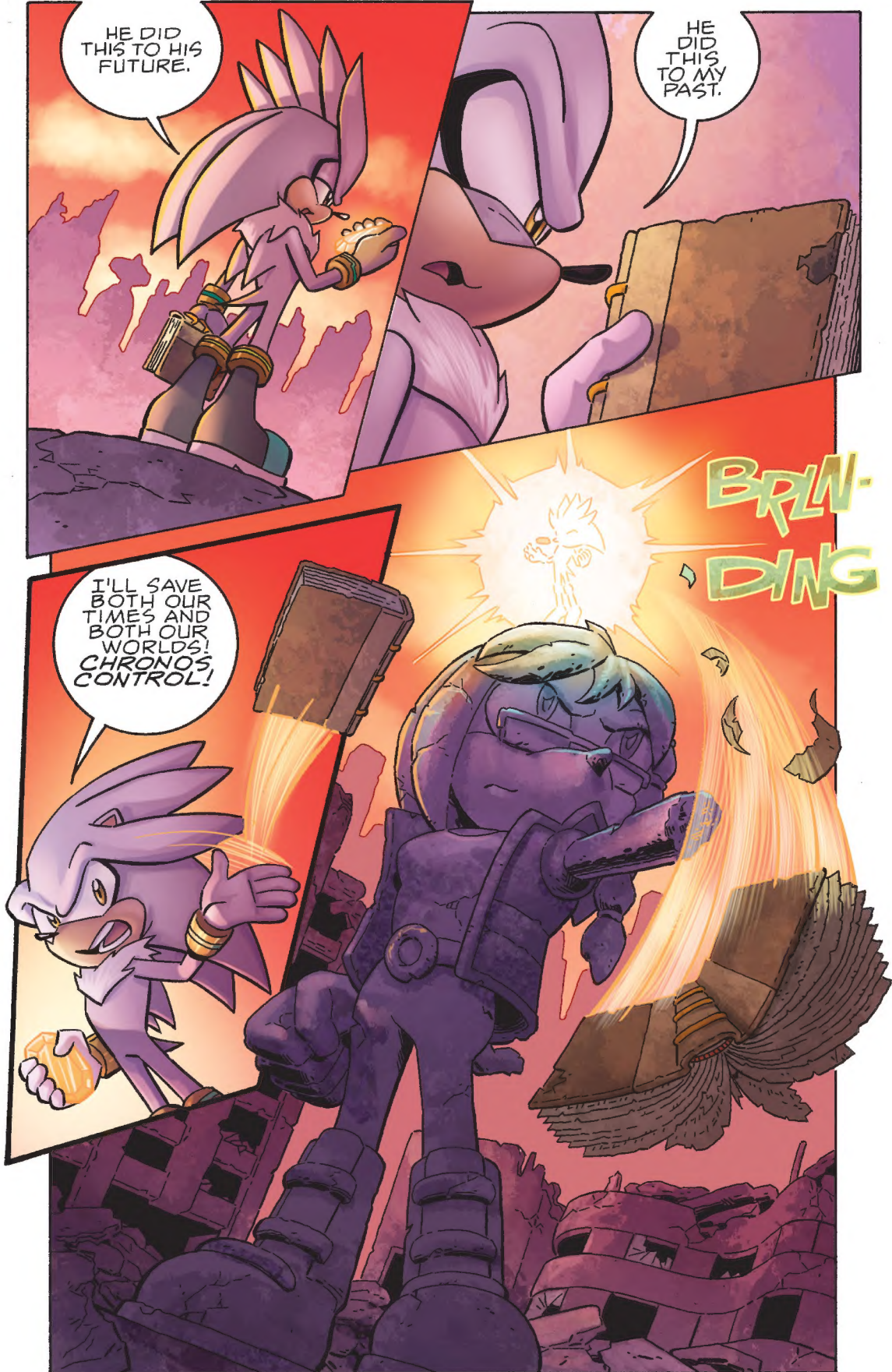


HE DID THIS TO HIS FUTURE.

HE DID THIS TO MY PAST.

I'LL SAVE BOTH OUR TIMES AND BOTH OUR WORLDS! CHRONOS CONTROL!

BRN-  
DING







# A Letter from the EDITOR

GREAT NEWS ALERT! THE SONIC BOOKS NOW OFFICIALLY HAVE A NEW EDITOR - PAUL KAMINSKI! YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED HIS AMAZING INFLUENCE ON THE BOOKS ALREADY. WHILE I'LL STILL BE HERE AT ARCHIE DOING ALL SORTS OF STUFF, I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER TO INTRODUCE PAUL AS THE NEW AND POSSIBLY THE BEST EVER EDITOR FOR SONIC.

BOTH *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* AND *SONIC UNIVERSE* HAVE SOME OF THE BEST STORIES AND COVERS EVER COMING UP, AND ONE AMAZING PROJECT SLATED FOR OUR MILESTONE ISSUE 225 THAT YOU WON'T BELIEVE (SORRY, TOP SECRET, MUST SAY NO MORE)!! THAT'S NOT TO MENTION THE GRAPHIC NOVELS AND UPCOMING VIDEO GAME TIE-INS. THIS IS THE BEST TIME EVER TO BE A SONIC READER AND #1 FAN.

JUST WANTED TO THANK ARCHIE COMICS, AND ESPECIALLY SEGA, FOR SUCH A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY - ESPECIALLY CINDY CHAU AND JERRY CHU FOR THEIR ENORMOUS HELP. ALSO, THE GREAT TEAM OF SONIC ARTISTS AND WRITERS - ESPECIALLY PAT SPAZIANTE, IAN FLYNN, TRACY YARDLEY, JIM AMASH, TERRY AUSTIN, JOHN WORKMAN, STEVEN BUTLER, JASON JENSEN, MATT HERMS, JAMAL PEPPERS, AND EVERYONE ELSE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE WHO HAS MADE SONIC ONE OF THE BEST COMICS EVER!

ALSO, THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL SONIC FAITHFUL WHO HAVE WRITTEN IN AND SPOKEN WITH US AT COMIC CONVENTIONS AND SIGNINGS OVER THE YEARS. IT IS A GREAT GROUP TO FINALLY BE A PART OF.

SONIC FAITHFUL, THE BEST IS STILL YET TO COME!

## MIKE

(HEY PAUL, CAN I BE SONIC'S #1 FAN NOW, PLEASE? I HAVE EVERYTHING OFF THE SONIC CHECKLIST... AND YOU OTHER SONIC FANS LIKE ME CAN TOO. LOOK FOR THE HANDY SONIC CHECKLIST AD IN THIS VERY COMIC BOOK. SHAMELESS PLUG!)





# FAN ART



## FAN FUNNIES!

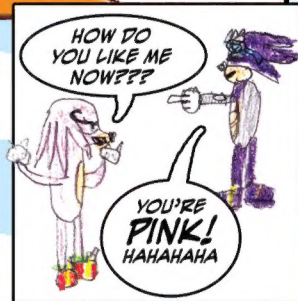
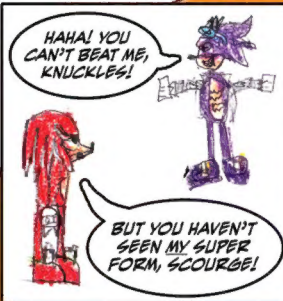
**John H.**  
New Mexico



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Minnesota



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**HEY, KIDS!**

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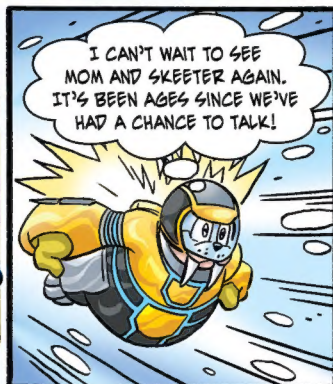


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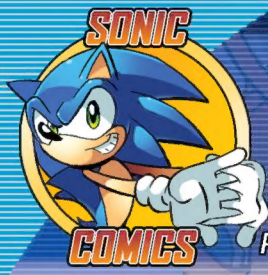
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**WHAT IF...**

...ROTOR  
HAD LEFT  
A COUPLE  
OF HOURS  
LATER?







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DOE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

**Dear Sonic Grams,**  
I'm a BIG fan of the Sonic comics and I really liked #213!

*Steven Butler's oblivious-looking-yet-irresistibly-adorable Big the Cat? Pure genius.*

I liked Lupe's Grand Chief outfit too - will there be a Wolf Pack arc in "Sonic Universe"?

*No plans for a Wolf Pack SU arc for the near future, but the point of spending some time in Wolf Pack country was to establish the world down there & lay the groundwork for future stories. Also, it was about time we had a good Wolf Pack story!*

I want to see a story about Marcos, Maria, Aerial and Athena on an adventure together!

**Tony H. from Georgia**

*Great idea, Tony!*

**To the creators of the most way-past-cool comic,**  
Got a couple of questions...

*Got a couple of answers!*

1) Will we see where Mighty and Ray went at the end of STH#212?

*Yes!*

2) When will Merlin Prower come back? I'm sure Tails misses him!

*Merlin's exploits are also far from over, and I know a certain Sonic Comic*

*Encyclopedia that will elaborate on said exploits further :)*

3) Can I have some background on Sir Connery? He died in the first STH comic I ever read!

*Read all about Sir Connery's crusade against the dark magics in Sonic Archives vol. 12! (How's that for a shameless plug, eh Mike?)*

Thanks!

**Donovan H. from Indiana**

*You're welcome!*

**Dear Sonic Grams,**  
I've been collecting Sonic for about 15 years now and I'm only 21; my first issue was #18 and I haven't missed one yet!

*Jumpin' Julylas! That's a lot of issues!*

I even picked up some of the older issues along the way! A couple of things I'd like to ask:

1) I have Sonic the Hedgehog #0 - Is this considered to be the first issue?

*Bouncin' Bivalves! You have Sonic #0?? I suppose based on the criteria of a 32-page comic book, then yes, that was the first Archie-Sonic comic book. Can anyone tell me what Archie-Sonic sorta-comic came before that?*

2) Why does Rotor act like an old man? I'd like to see Rotor involved in more

stories!

*Hoppin' Hamlins! Did we just grant you're wish or what?? If you liked "Iron Rotor" so far - just wait till you see next issue!!*

3) You guys must be the greatest Sonic editors ever!!

**Michael T. from Massachusetts**

*Jigglin' Julians! Fans, take notes - THAT is how you get your letter printed in Sonic Grams :)*

**Dear Sonic Grams,**  
I want to see more Geoffrey St. John!

*Gallopin' Grandmasters! You are in for a treat, my friend!*

Also, why do Geoffrey and Sonic fight? Is it that they both like Princess Sally?

**Tanner H. from Minnesota**

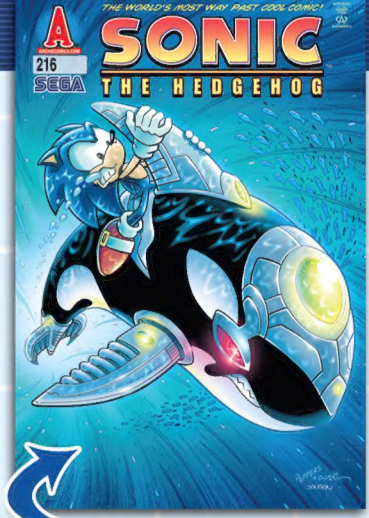
*Fighting over Sally was indeed one of the original reasons these two butted heads way back when (see Sonic Archives vol. 11!), but when it comes right down to it, Sonic and Geoffrey just have a personality conflict that no amount of super heroics could ever truly repair.*

### MESSAGE BOARD POST OF THE MONTH:

"Drago has reached a new level of awesome"

*Posted by Rubiks on the BUMBLEKING forums.*

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